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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Security Protection of Ultra-Sensitive Advanced Intelligence Collection Systems (Recommendation No. 29 of the January 20, 1962 Report to the President by the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board)

1. A memorandum dated 20 February 1962 was prepared by the writer for the signature of Mr. Bissell responding to a memorandum dated 24 January 1962 originated by Mr. McGeorge Bundy. The memorandum prepared here outlined the steps taken to tighten up security of certain sensitive projects.

2. On 26 February 1962 the original of the memorandum was delivered to the office of Mr. Bundy, and a copy to Pat Coyne, Executive Secretary, President's FIAB. The memorandum had been coordinated with the Director of Security, Dr. Charyk, and routed through the office of Mr. Kirkpatrick in accordance with the latter's request.

3. With regard to the coordination of Dr. Charyk, which was initiated at the direction of Mr. Bissell, the writer delivered a copy to Dr. Charyk's office on 23 February 1962. On 26 February 1962 I called [redacted] office to ascertain the reaction of Dr. Charyk. [redacted] advised that Dr. Charyk was very happy with the memorandum, but the Under Secretary of the Air Force suggested that in paragraph 3 of the memorandum where we had indicated, "At the moment the [redacted] Security System encompasses Projects IDEALIST, CORONA, and ARGON. In the immediate future, however, project OXCART will be added to the System...." four Air Force projects be included. I indicated to [redacted] that to date we have not been directed by appropriate officials here to include any other projects in the [redacted] System, and I suggested that for the purpose of this response to Mr. McGeorge Bundy, we not include the Air Force projects since such inclusion would require considerable discussions prior to such implementation. [redacted] agreed and mentioned that possibly Dr. Charyk and Mr. Bissell could discuss this aspect at a meeting they will have in the immediate future. [redacted] implied that the Air Force has been proceeding on the assumption that these Air Force projects will be included under the [redacted] umbrella, presumably under the NRO concept.

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